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much more expeditiously than they could have been transmitted direct, and fulfilled its function in every way. It is considered that the liaison within the regiment was perfect.

THE ENGINEERS.

Having no infantry reserve, with this entire command committed to the attack, the regimental commander had ordered the Engineer Officer, Major Bunker, to hold his men as a regimental fighting reserve, near regimental P. C., except for a detachment which was ordered to proceed to Moranville and construct the bridge which has been destroyed on the Moulainville-Moranville road at the western entrance to the village.

At 9 a. m. (9 hours) Major Bunker reported that the road was being cut up and would be out of action if it were not repaired. He requested that his men be relieved as regimental reserve and be used to keep the road in repair for transport. He was ordered, at 9:17 a. m., to leave 100 of the 200 men in reserve and to use the other 100 for work on the road. Later in the morning all of the engineer troops were turned over to the engineer officer for this work.

These troops, the Second Battalion, 306th Engineers, by their work of the morning of the